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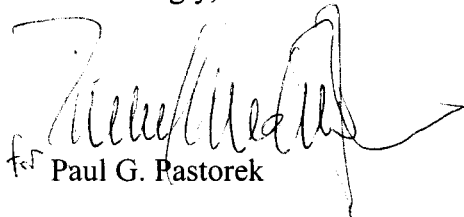
FROM: G/General Counsel

SUBJECT: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance by NASA Employees at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) Baltimore and National Capital Sections' Space Systems Technical Committee Town Meeting on May 27, 2004

On May 27, 2004, the AIAA Baltimore and National Capital Sections' Space Systems Technical Committees will sponsor a town meeting at the University of Maryland Inn and Conference Center, College Park, Maryland. Mr. John Schumacher, NASA Chief of Staff, will moderate a panel of NASA Center Directors who will discuss, "One NASA." I have determined it to be in the best interests of the Government for those NASA employees who are invited to this event to attend in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The panel will discuss the intent of "One NASA" to build on the capabilities of each Center for the good of the whole Agency, while working towards the common shared goals. The event will be widely attended by NASA Headquarters and Center employees, representatives from the aerospace industry, and various aerospace corporations. The cost of the event, which includes food and beverages, is approximately \$45 per person. Approximately 175 people are expected to attend the event. I find that this event meets the requirements of a "widely attended gathering" as defined in 5 CFR § 2635.204(g). Consequently, I conclude that NASA's interest in its employees attending this event outweighs any concerns that free attendance may, or may appear to, improperly influence any NASA employees in the performance of their official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees and their spouses or guests may attend the event without charge.


f. Paul G. Pastorek